

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of :  
Norihito SHIMONO et al. : Attn: BOX PCT  
Serial No. NEW : Docket No. 2002\_0055A  
Filed January 28, 2002 :

SOLID PREPARATION CONTAINING CHITOSAN  
POWDER AND PROCESS FOR PRODUCING THE SAME  
[Corresponding to PCT/JP00/05279  
Filed August 7, 2000]

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents,  
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

Prior to calculating the filing fee, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION

*Page 1, immediately after the title, please insert:*

*Q1*  
This application is a 371 of PCT/JP00/05279 filed August 7, 2000.

IN THE CLAIMS

*Please amend the claims as follows:*

*Q2*  
3. (Amended) A solid preparation according to claim 1, wherein the enteric polymer is selected from the group consisting of hydroxypropyl methylcellulose acetate succinate, hydroxypropyl methylcellulose phthalate and methacrylic acid-ethyl acrylate copolymer.